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AGENT ARRESTED

In Connection With Capture of Arms
and Ammunition Intended For
Chinese Reformers.

(Associated Press.)
Hongkong, Feb. 4.—The Chinese commission agent of a German firm has been arrested at Canton in connection with the capture of that place on January 31st by the Chinese authorities of arms, ammunition and commissariat stores collected by the reformers.

The prosecution of the seven Kwang Si rebels, arrested in this city on January 27th, and whose apprehension led to the discovery of plans for a simultaneous rising here and at Canton, has been abandoned on account of insufficient evidence. When these men were taken into custody they were found to be in possession of banners and secret codes for communicating with their fellow conspirators.

GAVE RYAN DECISION.

Referee Stopped the Fight at the Close
of the Seventh Round.

(Associated Press.)
Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 4.—Champion Tommy Ryan was given the decision over "Cyclone" Kelly, of San Francisco, last night in the seventh round of a contest before the Whittling Athletic Club of this city. The result was very much of a surprise as the decision was given without a knock-out. Referee Pat Early declaring Ryan the winner at the close of the seventh round. As the going sounded Kelly fell before a hard right on the solar plexus. The referee declared Ryan the winner, and stopped the fight. The decision caused some dissatisfaction. Kelly insisted on continuing the fight, and seemed to have suffered but slightly. The fight was fast and spirited.

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WILL BE PARDONED.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 4.—Cole Younger, who was paroled from Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary two years ago with his brother Jim, will be given conditional pardon to-day by the state pardon board, which will admit of the ex-bandit returning to his former home in Missouri, according to a dispatch to the Chronicle from St. Paul.

STEAMER ASHORE.

(Associated Press.)
Aden, Arabia, Feb. 4.—The North German Lloyd steamer Freiburg, from Hamburg, January 28th, for ports of China and Japan, is ashore near Mocha, Arabia. It is expected she will be refloated.

STEAMERS DELAYED.

Want of Coal Responsible for Liners Being
Late Leaving New York.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 4.—Transatlantic steamers scheduled to sail to-day were all delayed for want of coal. The St. Paul, which was to have sailed at ten o'clock for Southampton; the Teutonic, scheduled to sail at noon for Queenstown and Liverpool; and the Amsterdam, for Rotterdam, which should have sailed at ten o'clock, will not get their coal supply on board in time to sail to-morrow. All are expected away early to-morrow.

REBELS ARE NEAR GATES OF CAPITAL

PREPARING TO DEFEND THE CITY OF CARACAS

Citizens Are Being Drafted Into Ranks of Castro's Army—Threat to Shell Fort.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 4.—An army of revolutionists is now almost at the gates of Caracas, says the Herald's Caracas correspondent, and everywhere in the city preparations are being made to repel an attack. Trenches are being dug and citizens are being drafted into the military ranks. Animals are being seized for the government service. President Castro is as cool as the proverbial cucumber, and is displaying tireless energy. He is on horseback day and night directing the defensive operations.

Despite the dark outlook many persons believe that the government will triumph over the revolutionary leadership and the unsoldierly crowds of the insurgents. The revolution has at last reached a point where some decisive action must take place within a very few days.

Bulletins of victory and defeat are now being circulated in Caracas as a result of the fighting just south of the capital. The significant features are that defensive measures are pushing along.

The blockaders have notified the La Guayra authorities if they let Venezuelan soldiers into the town they will shell the fort. This notification is inexplicable to the La Guayra authorities, as Venezuelan soldiers occasionally pass in the streets on the way to fight the revolutionists. La Guayra residents look upon the notification as a new tactic of the Germans to assist the Matos revolution, and are asking: "Where is the peaceful blockade?"

Compromise Proposed.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Three months preferential treatment for Great Britain, Germany and Italy promises to be the compromise upon which the allies and Mr. Bowen will agree as a condition precedent to the raising of the blockade. This is a modification, proposed by Baron Speck von Sternberg, of the original concession by Minister Bowen of one month during which time the allies exclusively should receive the thirty per cent. of the customs receipts of the ports of Porto Cabello and La Guayra. If the German foreign office approves the suggestion of its representatives, Italy, it is said, will throw her support to Germany. France has intimated willingness to accept the plan, as have the other prominent nations, and the united efforts of all these nations will be put forward to influence the London foreign office.

Defends Proposal.

London, Feb. 4.—The Westminster Gazette defends Mr. Bowen's offer that all Venezuelan creditors share alike. The paper says this is a foundation for the British debtors' law, according to which, no matter how few the creditors when suit is begun, the general body of creditors, foreign and domestic, alike share equally. The German law, the Gazette continues, is just opposite; it gives the German creditors preference over the foreign creditors. The paper points out that this indicates that Germany is the real director for the deadlock, and "why should we risk a misunderstanding and quarrel with her by insisting on a demand which we should reject as between creditors and debtor in this country?"

BUILDING ELECTION.

Polling Is Taking Place—Man Arrested
For Persecution.

(Special to The Times.)
Vancouver, Feb. 4.—The election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. R. Maxwell is in progress to-day, the candidates being Messrs. Macpherson, Melanes and Foley. The election is about the hottest in the history of the city. The winner is fine and voting, which started early, is heavy.

A teamster named Gilroy was arrested for persecution, and he confessed to an endeavor to mark a vote for Foley in the name of George Fletcher.

Bulletins showing the progress of the count will be posted at the Times office this evening. The first returns will probably arrive about six o'clock.

FINAL INTERVIEW.

British Columbia Ministers Discussed
Financial Relations With Govern-
ment at Ottawa.

(Special to The Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Premier Prior, Attorney-General Eberts and H. E. Gossnell had their final interview with the Dominion government to-day, when the financial relations between the Dominion and the Province were discussed. No reply beyond that the matter would be considered was given by the ministers. Messrs. Prior and Eberts leave for home on Friday.

THE KING'S CONDITION.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 4.—King Edward is still confined to his apartments at Windsor Castle, but his progress is perfectly satisfactory.

FRIDAY'S LECTURE.

Preparations For Address by H. Cuthbert—Speeches by Citizens.

The lecture to be given on Friday evening at the Victoria theatre by Herbert Cuthbert on "The Granary of the Empire" promises to be an unusual success. The address will be illustrated by a large number of views of the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. The entertainment is under the patronage of the Lieut-Governor, who will attend, and the proceeds will be devoted to the raising of the fund being raised for the establishing in Victoria of a Young Men's Christian Association.

Besides Mr. Cuthbert's address arrangements are being made to have speeches delivered by several prominent men of the city. Rev. Elliott S. Rowe will likely make a few remarks, also Rev. W. Leslie Clay, C. H. Lucier and others. It is probable that H. F. Wyatt, of the Navy League, will be present and deliver an address, which will be sure to be instructive as well as interesting. There will be no reserve seats. An open invitation has been extended to the pupils of the Victoria High school. The proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

FRUIT FOR JAPAN.

British Columbia Growers Have Sent
Test Shipments to Osaka
Exhibition.

British Columbia fruit is being represented at the Osaka exhibition. Among that which went forward on the Empress, which sailed a week ago, was 100 cases of apples from the province, which will be placed among the fruit exhibited from the Dominion of Canada. Those represented in the shipment made are the Coldstream orchards at Vernon, T. G. Earl, Leighton, and J. Smith, Spence's Bridge.

The fruit on exhibition will serve as a test of what can be accomplished in the Orient in the way of developing a market in that branch of trade. There is no certainty as to what the demand is for fruit from this country in Japan and China. If any trade is to be worked up it is one which will interest the province to a much greater extent than any other part of the Dominion. It will in fact be most likely confined to British Columbia. R. M. Palmer has asked Commissioner Hamilton, who is looking after the fruit exhibit at this exhibition, to report to him the conditions so that information may be obtained which will assist in his department.

Should it be possible to find a profitable market in the Orient, Mr. Palmer says they have excellent facilities for providing the fruit. Cooled quarters are provided which are found excellent for such purposes.

RAILWAY NEGOTIATIONS.

Rumors of Agreement Between Roads in
the United States.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 4.—Information from semi-official sources today shows that an alliance or agreement of some sort has been entered into between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific interests on the one hand and the Rock Island road on the other. Just what stage the negotiations have reached and the character of the proposed agreement or alliance are as yet matters of conjecture, as none of the principals in the deal will go into details. The matter has been under negotiation for some time.

It is a matter of conversation on Wall Street that the Rock Island is backed by the First National Bank. The First National is one of the several so-called "Mortgage" banks, and is the fiscal representative of the Rock Island road, so that any deal between Rock Island and the Pacific roads must inevitably involve a close union of interests.

CITY IN FLAMES.

Outbreak at Oklahoma Which Has Already
Destroyed a Number of Business
Blocks.

(Associated Press.)
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REMOVED BULLET.

Socialist, Who Wrote That He Intended to
Commit Suicide, Used Blank
Cartridge.

(Associated Press.)
Berlin, Feb. 4.—Alfred Agster, a socialist member of the Reichstag, fired a revolver at himself in a committee room of the House at noon to-day, but as he had previously removed the bullet from the cartridge the deputy was only slightly injured. Agster wrote to some of his fellow deputies yesterday saying he intended to commit suicide. He lately had shown signs of mental weakness.

"WORK OR BREAD."

Demand of Unemployed in Spain—Collision
With Gardarmen—Several Persons
Injured.

(Associated Press.)
Valledolid, Spain, Feb. 4.—Several thousand unemployed persons marching through the streets here to-day demanding work or bread. They were met by the police, who charged by the gardarmen. Shots were exchanged and some were injured and many arrests made.

STREETS FLOODED.

(Associated Press.)
Christiansburg, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The storm which has prevailed through this section for the past two or three days reached a climax last night, when the rain fell in torrents for five hours and the wind reached almost cyclonic velocity. Streets were flooded and much minor damage resulted.

Major Bertram, a member of the Scottish curlers, is at the general hospital, Toronto, suffering from blood-poison, brought on by having pricked his finger with a pin.

THE FOOD SUPPLY IN TIME OF WAR

OBJECTS OF ASSOCIATION FORMED IN LONDON

Want Full Investigation—Wireless Tel- egraphy System on the St. Lawrence River.

(Special to The Times.)
Montreal, Feb. 4.—A special cable from London to-day says:
"Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada, desires it to be known that his position as chairman of the security of food supply in time of war association is more or less formal. He desires that the association has any hostile intentions towards the British government. He desires also that the movement is protectionist in character, being merely designed to secure the fullest official inquiry. At the same time it calls for the opinion of the better that England would do well to encourage Canadian and other colonial supplies by all legitimate means, including the exemption of colonial wheat from the British revenue tax. Mr. Balfour, it is expected, seeing the influence and character of the association, will appoint a royal commission."

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company had a meeting to-day here, which may prove of the greatest importance to the shipping interests of Canada. It was decided to send men down at once to the lower portion of the St. Lawrence and along the Gulf, and out to Belle Isle to locate the best points at which to establish wireless stations to communicate with ships coming in from sea. It was decided that the directors of the company should proceed to Ottawa with the least possible delay and hold a conference with the members of the government to fix the terms on which the service shall be carried out.

The important announcement was made to-day by Mr. J. N. Greenshields, K.C., that Marconi had perfected a system to determine the distance between a ship and the station on shore. This will be carried out by means of an apparatus in the shape of a disc. The vibrations from one apparatus will be felt on the other apparatus disc. The current will make the disc turn and the marks at the different points will indicate the distance of the ship from the station. Ships will thus be able to locate their exact position even during the darkest nights or in the thickest fog.

A CONFIDENCE SHARP WORKED FROM HERE

And Caught Several Hundred Easy Ones
in Nebraska and Other States—
Is a Fugitive.

Somewhere on the other side of the line there is a fugitive from the sleuth-hounds of the law in the person of one "J. B. Ross," an extremely slick confidence man, who made this city a base of operations a short time ago. The police of the principal coast cities, secret service agencies throughout the West and the keenest man hunters available have been unable to catch this fugitive whom criminal records describe as one of the cleverest sharpers on the continent.

Some time ago the Victoria police learned that about 50 letters had been received at the office of Robert Ward & Co., addressed to one "J. B. Ross, forwarder and freight agent, Victoria," and that a hundred letters or more bearing the same address were lying at the post office. Investigation found the envelopes to contain ninety-cent money orders, and this led to the discovery of one of the sharpest confidence tricks ever detected in this part of the country.

It appears that this J. B. Ross represented himself to people of Nebraska and other states as a freight forwarder and agent of the "Dominion steamship line" of this place, and notified his dupes that awaiting them here were parcels from the Philippines or Orient addressed to them, which would be duly forwarded on receipt of ninety cents for freight charges. Most of the victims were lady school teachers, and that the bait was successful was evidenced by the large number of replies received, accompanied by the money.

In the meantime the postal authorities received instructions from Ross to forward his mail to "Frisco. Before it was sent on, however, the Victoria police opened each envelope and detective Sergeant Palmer inscribed his initials on the contents for identification purposes should the confidence worker be caught. The secret service officers of the Bay City were notified, and endeavored to catch Ross. The latter, however, appeared to suspect something, for he wrote the "Frisco authorities" to forward his mail to Alameda. Again the police set a watch, but the mail was ordered to Oakland, thence to Portland, and so on. Ross evidently attempting to get it to some place where he could secure it undiscovered. The police, however, kept their eyes on the mail, but so far Ross has not been captured.

The "Frisco police when shown Ross's handwriting, recognized it as that of one of the cleverest crooks and forgers they ever had to deal with. The game he

played was simple enough, but it caught over two hundred easy ones in Nebraska to the tune of ninety cents per head. Ross was evidently frightened out of town before he had time to make the haul. Detective Sergeant Palmer refers to this case in his report to the board of police commissioners this afternoon.

GOT FOUR MONTHS.

Wm. Paul's Sentence For Stealing
Jewelry From Challoner &
Mitchell.

Wm. Paul was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labor this morning for the theft of some gold and jewelry from Challoner & Mitchell. Sentence had been deferred from yesterday, the chief intimating that they were endeavoring to connect the accused with another theft, as more jewelry in addition to that belonging to Challoner & Mitchell had been found in his possession.

Asked if he had anything to say, Paul replied that this was the first time he had ever been in court, and it would never occur again. He was sorry for what he had done, and was glad that he had been caught before his wrong-doing had gone further. In sentencing him the magistrate expressed the hope that the experience would prove a lesson to him.

COMING ENTERTAINMENT.

Concert Will Be Held on February 10th
Under Auspices of Capital Athletic
Association.

A concert will be held under the auspices of the Capital Athletic Association on Tuesday, February 10th, at St. James's hall, James Bay. The programme follows:

Bunka-Deedle Corps By Company
Comic Solo, W. Berkett.
Piano Solo—The British Patrol Asch
Master Bertie Clayton.
Recitation Miss Staggard
Duet—An Old Song A. Taylor and J. F. F. F.
Piano Solo G. H. Larnard
Song—Come J. F. F. F.
Song—Queen of the Mountains A. Taylor
Violin Solo Edgar Fawcett
Song (solo) The Recruiting Sergeant
Recitation Sgt. R. O. Clarke, 5th Regt.
Mandolin Duet B. Harris and W. Howies
Song—Some Day I'll Wander Back Again
Song—Selected J. Reynolds
Song—Selected Bertie Harris

LEGAL NEWS.

Several Applications Disposed of in
Chambers Before Mr. Justice
Martin.

The Deadman's Island appeal is still being thrashed out before the full court, H. B. Robertson, for the respondents, is now concluding the argument for the respondent.

Mr. Justice Martin disposed of the following applications in Chambers this morning:

Leiser et al vs. Graham—Defendant applied to dismiss action for want of prosecution. Plaintiffs were ordered to set the action down for trial at the next assizes in Nanaimo, and to pay costs of this application. H. B. Robertson for defendant, F. Higgins, contra.

York vs. Yang Tye Insurance Association—Defendants applied for judgment of trial, which was granted till the May sittings, with costs to defendants in any event. F. Higgins for plaintiff, A. F. R. Martin, contra.

Turner vs. Cowan—G. H. Barnard, for plaintiff, obtained bail for counsel.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Record of the Past Month in the
City's Educational Institutions.

During the month of January the city schools show the following record of attendance:

	Present.	Daily	P.C. Pres.	Tand.
High School	201	182.09	91.17	10
Pratt School	177	151.47	81.88	8
Girls' School	448	404.41	90.27	12
North Ward	456	414.75	90.55	39
South Park	209	192.02	92.30	10
Victoria West	201	182.09	91.17	45
Spring Ridge	126	118.90	90.79	5
Elfrida	126	118.90	90.79	11
Kingsford	126	118.90	90.79	21
Rock Bay	99	90.02	88.80	7
	2,763	2,501.03	90.54	292

In this connection it is interesting to compare the attendance for this month with those of the five months preceding. The winter months have usually been marked by a decline in the average attendance. Last year the average for the month of January was only 92.7. This year the average has kept up with that of the preceding months. The following is the record for the past five months:

	Present.	Daily	P.C. Pres.	Tand.
August	2,579	2,376.24	92.01	69
September	2,709	2,491.31	91.91	249
October	2,609	2,390.31	91.59	20
November	2,609	2,390.31	91.59	106
December	2,763	2,501.03	90.54	292
January	2,763	2,501.03	90.54	292

The average attendance has continued to increase in such proportions that during the past month only 12 divisions out of the 62 in the city have failed to reach an average of 90 per cent.

The divisions which have reached the splendid average of 95 per cent. and over are as follows: High school, Division 1, 95.33; Division 3, 96.33; Boy's school, Division 1, 96.03; Division 7, 95.82; Girl's school, Division 6, 95.21; North Ward, Division 5, 97.00; South Park, Division 1, 96.77; Spring Ridge, Division 1, 95.40; Division 2, 95.03; Kingston street, Division 2, 96.04.

The following divisions report no cases of tardiness during the month: High school, Division 3, Mr. Russell, Division 1, 95.33; Boy's school, Division 1, Mr. Gills, Division 2, Mr. Salloway, Division 7, Mrs. Taylor; Girl's school, Division 1, Miss Williams, Division 2, Miss Robinson, Division 3, Miss Barrow, Division 5, Miss McGill, Division 6, Miss Shrapnell; South Park, Division 1, Miss Cameron; Spring Ridge, Division 2, Miss Blackburn.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW POLICE BOARD

INTERESTING REPORT FROM CHIEF LANGLEY

Number of Recommendations Urged by Him—Sergeant Palmer's Record of Year's Work.

The first meeting of the board of police commissioners for 1903 is in progress this afternoon, having been formally called to order by Mayor McCandless, the chairman, at 2:30 o'clock. The board consists of the Mayor, Ald. Stewart and W. H. Price. Among the important matters before the new commissioners are the annual reports of the chief, and sergeant of detectives, and an application from the uniformed constables for increase in salary. Both the chief and Sergeant Palmer's reports are of a very interesting character, containing a comprehensive account of the services performed by Victoria's police department in the past year.

After giving the enrolment of the force the chief's reports says: "It gives me pleasure to report that no complaints were received against the officers or men during the year just closed. The conduct and service of the men have been excellent. Summarizing the police records for the past year I find the total number of cases was 1,180, a decrease of 84 below that of last year. This number was made up and dealt with as follows: Arrests, 350; summonses issued, 232; sent to asylum, 8; safe keeping, 320. There were 710 convictions, 14 commitments for trial, 130 discharged, dismissed or withdrawn, and 320 detentions. The nationalities of the offenders were: White, 905; Orientals, 92; Indians, 123. Total, 1,119.

I likewise append the report of Detective Sergeant Palmer. You will note that, aside from a murder committed by an insane woman, there has been no total absence of serious crime in Victoria during 1902. It will be further noted that only two cases of highway robbery occurred—both perpetrated by friends of the victim, and that the total absence of gratification that, while neighboring cities are suffering from the footpad evil, Victoria may be said to be absolutely free therefrom. There is little doubt that the close watch maintained on the Sound and San Francisco steamers has a thoroughly deterrent effect upon crooks across the Strait, and that our city is given a wide berth in consequence. You will please notice that Detective Sergeant Palmer has recommended the permanent appointment to the detective staff of Acting Detective Macdonald, and I have much pleasure in forwarding such recommendation to the officer in question being painstaking and capable. The fines paid during 1902 amounted to \$5,285; 1901, \$5,285; 1902, \$3,822.75. Decrease, \$1,462.25."

This decrease the chief attributes to the better observance generally by the citizens of the provisions of the by-laws and the almost total absence of disorderly conduct, although the new practice relating to the filing of drunks has a very important effect upon the revenue; and in addition to this where disorderly persons were summoned this year these would almost invariably leave the city on their own accord, and that other years these persons preferred to face the court and pay their fines. The report also showed a decrease in hack hire expenses of \$48.25, the total expenditure for 1902 being \$144. The purchase of summer uniforms and winter overcoats brought the total figures for clothing, including boots, to \$1,707. This year as many trousers will be required to match, the figures will be about the same as in 1901, namely, \$701.28.

The chief also recommends the erection of two large cells in the rear of the police station for the reception of prisoners at times when the jail is overcrowded—a very frequent occurrence. The present lack of sufficient accommodation compels the police to put drunk and even insane men of all nationalities in the women's quarters of the station—contrary to the rules of the city—opposed to the best prison discipline, making it necessary for women to be kept in their cells all the time instead of allowing them to use the corridor during the day. The most objectionable feature, however, is the fact that young girls who have broken away from the control of parents are frequently brought to the station for the night, and these have to be placed in the same ward. The matron, also, strongly objects to the presence of Indians, Chinese and depraved white men amongst her female charges.

The report strongly urges the providing of a patrol wagon. In this connection the chief says: "This is nearly becoming more important to the efficient working of the force, inasmuch as one sergeant and two men on duty during the day find it impossible to answer calls from Oak Bay, Spring Ridge, Victoria West and James Bay, and at the same time give their attention to matters in the business portion of the city. Much valuable time moreover is consumed by officers on the way to answer calls. No matter how urgent the call may be, unless the scene of the trouble is in the car line or adjacent thereto, the constables have to go on foot, giving criminals sufficient time to accomplish their ends and make their escape before the law can intervene."

The report then points out that the patrol wagon could be put to a number of beneficial uses such as taking con-



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THE ATTITUDE OF ALLIED POWERS

REGARDING PAYMENT OF THEIR CLAIMS

Venezuela Is Trying to Complicate Matters—Reported Defeat of the Rebels.

London, Feb. 3.—The Reuters Telegram Company says it is officially informed that the attitude of the allies regarding the so-called priority claims against Venezuela has been misinterpreted, thus increasing the complications. It is explained that the allies do not insist on the precedence of their claims over others, but insist that they shall be regarded as separate, to be dealt with direct between themselves and Venezuela. Until a specific agreement is made for the satisfaction of their claims, they are determined to continue the blockade.

It is further stated that the allies do not bind Venezuela regarding the sum to be periodically paid or the time in which the debt must be paid off. It is added that there is renewed evidence that Venezuela is endeavoring to complicate matters by playing off the interests of one power against another, and that such a course must be frustrated in the interests of all the creditors. They consequently hope Venezuela's attempt in this direction will not "receive support or connivance from any party."

Another Move.
Washington, Feb. 3.—There is as yet no advice from the allied governments respecting the nature of the next proposal they will submit to Mr. Bowen, Venezuela's representative, for a settlement of their claims, but there is good authority for the statement that the vice of Mr. Bowen, addressed to the British ambassador last night, will result in an adjustment of the trouble.

The most important conference held by the allies was called to-day at the British embassy to consider the recommendations which the Italian and British ambassadors and the German minister should make to their governments as to the next step to be taken. As a result of this conference, the foreign offices of London, Berlin and Rome are in possession of a suggestion which, if adopted, will mean the success of the Washington negotiations and the raising of the blockade.

The allied powers have again been requested by their representatives to consent to priority of payment of their claims for a limited period only, and equality of all claimant nations were asserted.

The feeling is growing that persistence in their present position can result only in loss of prestige for the allies and had feeling against them not only in Venezuela, but elsewhere throughout the Americas. As a result of this consideration, it was agreed that a note should be addressed to the three governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, setting forth the exact attitude of the United States with reference to the powers' preferential demand, the state of public feeling here regarding it and to urge prompt acceptance of pre-arranged payments for a period of from one to six months.

Rebels Defeated.
Caracas, Feb. 3.—The government troops, under General Alcantara, have defeated a force of rebels numbering 100, under the revolutionary General Ducharme, on the Camatagua river, about 50 miles south of Caracas. The rebels were captured with their ammunition and arms.

Since the route of General Matos and his army of ten thousand men by President Castro, near La Victoria, October 18th, the remnants of the rebel forces have been dispersed in all directions. The scattered bodies of rebels believing as reported by General Matos's committee that arms and ammunition had landed lately, reunited, and to the number of about 2,000 men under Generala Rolando and Ducharme assembled at Alta Gracia, at the entrance of the Gulf of Maracaibo, and at Oretico village, 60 miles south of Caracas. General

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LEAD INDUSTRY.

Discussed at Winnipeg Board of Trade—Report Adopted.

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The British Columbia lead business was considered at the Winnipeg Board of Trade meeting to-day. A committee had reported that it would be a great benefit if the Dominion government would grant such measures of relief as would place the lead mining industry of British Columbia in a position to sell their product in Canada. Mr. Ashdown moved that the recommendation of the committee be endorsed by the board. He was against increased duties on products coming into the country. He proceeded: "Unfortunately we have a protective tariff, and while that is the best, we have an industry in the West which can be developed and can do a great deal for the population of the country, but which is languishing, he did not even know why, we should not adopt the same policy with them as is pursued with others. If we were on a revenue tariff it might be leveled up, but with protection it was a pity to allow the lead industry of British Columbia to suffer. The manufacturers of Montreal and the seaboard wanted lead as raw material, and were not willing to allow others to have the same protection as themselves; but while we have a protective tariff we should protect all."

The report was adopted.

ARCO HAS DOUBTS.

As to Success of Trans-Atlantic Wire-less Telegraphy.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Count Arco, well known as a partner in the Stahly-Arco wireless telegraph system, has given a highly interesting interview to a correspondent of the Berlin papers. He expressed great doubt as to the success of the system, owing to the difficulties of keeping up a continuous and perfectly distinct series of waves as would be necessary. He stated in view of the number of stations along the coast, this would be impossible, account of their interfering with one another.

Asked about Mr. Marconi's claim of a universal monopoly, Count Arco replied: "In this Mr. Marconi has not succeeded. At present there are 100 land and floating stations of the Marconi system, while there are 110 of ours. If we add to these, the Siemens and a few of the French methods in use, we find the Marconi stations outnumbered."

Count Arco denied that the Marconi system prevailed even upon British warships, it having been found too expensive and having been condemned by Capt. Jackson. As the system adopted by Mr. Marconi with commercial ships, his company supplied the apparatus and a telegraphist paid charged five pence for each word sent and received.

At the coming conference on wireless telegraphy it should be insisted upon, he added, that any station called should reply. That was imperative in the name of humanity, for instance in cases of ships in distress at sea. There should be an agreement upon the matter of the installation of international stations at the most important points on the globe.

DELEGATES RETURN.

J. L. Retallack Interviewed Regarding Visit to Ottawa.

John L. Retallack and George D. Potter, the representatives of the Shewan-Silver-lead mine, who returned to Ottawa on the silver-lead mine, have returned to Kaslo. In an interview with Mr. Retallack, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, he said: "The delegates were most favorably received by the following ministers: Sir R. B. Bennett, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. Blair, Mr. Pyper, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Sutherland, who gave them long audiences and plenty of time in which to express their views, and were unanimous in saying that the mining conditions of British Columbia needed attention."

Mr. Retallack stated that the cabinet was, as a whole, kindly alive to the situation, and that he was hopeful of good results attending the efforts of the delegation. After the return of G. O. Buchanan and Mr. Campbell, the remaining members of the delegation waited a few days in Ottawa, and were then able to obtain an interview with the Premier, who accorded them a most sympathetic reception and expressed his willingness to endeavor to bring about a more favorable state of affairs in the mining industry. It was of course impossible for him to do so, as the Premier had to pledge themselves to any stated course of action, but every attention would be given to the requests and suggestions of the delegation.

According to the minister of agriculture, one of the great difficulties lay in the matter of the different labor conditions of the East and West. He found it impossible to get his constituents to understand how it was that the wage-earners in Western Canada were obtaining from \$3 to \$3.50 per day of eight hours, whilst themselves were in Eastern Canada, receiving from \$1 to \$1.50 per day of 15 or 16 hours, and they could not be brought to assist in bettering the condition of a community which, they think, is at the present time in better circumstances than their own. It therefore behooves the wage-earners of the West to educate their Eastern brethren in this respect. Also, in Mr. Retallack's opinion, it is essential that an unceasing agitation along the lines laid down by the delegation be kept up till the government has actually decided what measures to enact, especially as the remedies put forth to the mine owners and the delegation are somewhat opposed to the ancient policy of the Liberal party, and unless the people and the government thoroughly understand the simplicity of the mine owners' demands, there is a great probability of a considerable debate upon the question.

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PROGRAMME FOR COMING SEASON

TO ATTRACT TOURISTS HERE NEXT SUMMER

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Every tourist who comes to this city during the summer months will have an opportunity of visiting all those beautiful resorts for which Victoria is justly celebrated. Last year such places as Cordova and Cadboro Bays, Gordon and Albert Heads and Metehosin could not conveniently be included in the itineraries owing to the absence of popular means of transit. This want will be amply supplied next summer because the Tourist Association has arranged for a four-hour trolley, which will leave the association's rooms daily on its tour of beauty spots. A prominent local establishment has ordered the conveyance, and it is expected that the first run will be made about the middle of May.

The success of the association's efforts in this direction has proved very gratifying to the energetic executive which met yesterday afternoon. Preparations for a season's campaign in the interests of the city are now well under way, and despite the fact that last year's results exceeded expectations the result is expected to be the full fruition of the work will be this year. It is the intention to reopen the Douglas Gardens on the same day as the inauguration of the trolley-tours, and this popular resort will be the scene of a constant round of attractions on an even more extensive scale than last year.

Another attraction for which the committee is striving is sea bathing. The association recognizes fully that sea baths are among the prime requisites of an ideal summer resort, all the principal places about the city are being developed for this purpose. The association has been very active in this regard, and it is expected that the result will be a constant round of attractions on an even more extensive scale than last year.

One of the chief features of last year's campaign was the magnificent advertisement which this city received through the great work of the association. The coast, states and adjacent territory to the east were thoroughly covered by the travelling representative, while visitors by letters and articles in the press of their homes assisted in attracting the attention of the world to the beauties of the coast. The work of this department will be conducted this year on a greater basis than last season, the association being determined to cover a much larger area. Territory nearer home will not be neglected, while excursions from various points of all kinds will be made to every corner of the coast.

At yesterday's meeting among the communications reported by the secretary was one from the Strathcona, Alberta, Board of Trade seeking the co-operation of the Victoria Tourist Association in securing excursion rates to Victoria from all points on the Territories during the summer. The association was authorized to communicate to the Strathcona board the assurance of the association's hearty support in its efforts. The association will also approach the C. P. R. on the subject.

The canvass for subscriptions has commenced. Everything appears to be in the splendid work of the association last year, and the members, therefore, expect to see fifteen thousand dollars subscribed. At the annual meeting—some time ago a number of citizens promised to double their subscriptions. Certainly it will be necessary to raise a large amount available last year in view of the work before the association. The advertisements cost money, and if the Victorians desire the association to enjoy a continuance of the success of last year they will have to assist by their subscriptions. Many of those who have increased their contributions, and none has refused to subscribe. Those on whom it will be impossible to call personally are requested to forward subscriptions to either the Times, Colonist, rooms of the association or A. B. Fraser, secretary.

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ARTHUR HENWARD FLOYER.
Otter Point, 2nd February, 1903.



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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 4-5 a. m. - A very high
barometer area, central in Oregon and
Washington, covers the North Pacific slope
from Canada to Arizona. Light snow has
fallen at various points and moderately
heavy rain at San Francisco. The weather
generally is fair and cold, with much
lower temperatures inland on the higher
levels. In the Northwest a low pressure
area is traversing the Territory; snow is
falling at Battleford, and bright cold
weather prevails in all sections.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity - Light or moderate
winds, chiefly northerly, generally fair and
cold.
Lower Mainland - Light or moderate
winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria - Barometer, 30.22; temperature,
30; minimum, 25; wind, 12 miles N.; rain,
.02; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster - Barometer, 30.22; temperature,
32; minimum, 22; wind, calm;
rain, trace; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops - Barometer, 30.22; temperature,
18; minimum, 10; wind, 4 miles W.; weather,
clear.
Barkerville - Barometer, 30.18; temperature,
22; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather,
clear.
San Francisco - Barometer, 30.00; temperature,
40; minimum, 30; wind, 14 miles N. E.; rain,
.28; weather, clear.
Edmonton - Barometer, 29.95; temperature,
18; minimum, 10; wind, 4 miles W.; weather,
clear.

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FAVOR ABOLITION OF WARD SYSTEM

RESOLUTION PASSED BY VOTERS' LEAGUE

Fair Attendance at Last Night's Meeting
—Petition Will Be Submitted
to the Council.

The continuation of the debate on the
abolition of the ward system by the
Voters' League last evening resulted in
the passing of a resolution to be for-
warded to the council favoring the pro-
posal. It is also the intention of the
league to circulate a petition among the
ratepayers in order that the council may
have the necessary authority to submit
a by-law. James Maynard was voted
to the chair.

Among those present were Hon. Sec-
retary Morley, Secretary Laird, and
Messrs. James Maynard (chairman),
Jos. Pearson, Ed. Bragg, F. Moberley,
T. C. Sorby, Senator Macdonald, J.
Grant, W. C. Ker, R. Seabrook, Walsh
Windle, W. J. Hanna, J. B. Lovell,
Clements and L. J. Quagliotti.

Arthur Robinson, of Duncan, wrote
as follows:
Sir:—I have been advised by Mr. Dickie,
our member for Cowichan, to apply to you
as the proper person to give me advice as
to what would be the right course to take
in regard to the cheap Eastern so-called
jams that are being placed on the market
in Victoria to the almost total exclusion
of home-made jams, and a damage to the
fruit growers on this island.
For a number of years I have supplied
Oke's & Mergers with from 5 to 10 tons of
fresh strawberries. Since their failure I
put in a small steam boiler and jam kettle
and am putting up surplus fruit into jam
at home on the ranch. The last three or
four months I have incurred almost some
of the wholesale grocers to try to dispose
of this jam and have got two to give it a
trial. The price is so low that I am sure
it is not made from fruit. I will give you
a statement as to what it actually costs
to make jam from the different fruit
for that purpose: 100 pounds of fruit with
32 1/2 lbs. pails of jam, allowing 14 lbs. per B.
for plums, 3c. for currants and goose-
berries, 4c. for raspberries and 5c. for
strawberries, and sugar, 4c. per lb.
as follows: 100 pounds of sugar, \$4.75;
pails, cost 40c. each to manufacture, say
5c. per B. for labor, firewood, labels, crates
and shipping, making the cost for a pail of
jam, 34c. for plums, 38 1/2 c. for currants,
42c. for raspberries, and 45c. for straw-
berries, or an average of 41c. for a 5-lb.
pail of assorted jams. Please bear in mind
this is the actual cost of making jam, no
allowance for profit and risk on sale,
and if you would ask any fruit grower
how much he would charge for his jam, you
will find it very low and not very encouraging to raise
fruit.

The letter proceeded to state that at the
low price of Eastern jams it was impos-
sible to work up a trade for home-grown
fruit. He said:
"If the Voters' League could make any
suggestion as to how it would be advisable
to act so as to try and secure this market
for home-grown fruit, you would be doing
a very great favor on all fruit growers."

Referred to the chamber of commerce.

Senator Macdonald submitted the fol-
lowing for discussion at the next meet-
ing of the league:

Whereas the contract between the city
of Victoria and the Victoria Terminal Rail-
way & Ferry Company was entered into
the 3rd of December, 1900, and the said
company was incorporated on the 11th May,
1901. It was agreed between the said
parties that six months after the date of
the passing of the act of incorporation the
company shall commence the construction
of that portion of the railway in the city
of Victoria which is necessary to connect
the Victoria & Nanaimo railway system with
that of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway,
and also that other portions of the said
railway, which, when completed, shall ex-
tend from a point at or near the mouth of
the Fraser river to a point where it shall
form connection with the New Westmin-
ster Southern railway, and shall diligently
proceed with and complete both of said
portions of the said railway within two
years from the passing of said act of incor-
poration, and shall also within the said
period of two years build, equip and put in
operation a seaworthy and efficient rail-
way ferry steamship, capable of transfer-
ring with suitable accommodations for at
least 400 passengers on each trip, together
with not less than eight loaded freight
cars, with a capacity of 20,000 pounds, and
operate the same daily at a uniform rate
of speed of not less than 14 miles per
hour.

The company shall, before entering into a
contract for the construction of the said
city ferry, cause public advertisement to be
made in the city of Victoria, and shall pro-

vide for the inspection of the plans and
specifications, and take such other steps
as are reasonably necessary to insure the
shipbuilders and others of the city to make
offers to the company for the construction
of the said work, it being intended by this
agreement that things being equal, the
company shall cause its ferry to be con-
structed in the city of Victoria, and all
other things being equal, the company shall
purchase its supplies for the construction
and maintenance of the said road and ferry
in the said city of Victoria. The rails on
all streets shall be laid and kept flush with
level of each such street.

That whereas the said company incor-
porated in 1901 has failed to comply with
the terms of agreement as above recited,
and whereas the new company which has
purchased the rights and charter of the
Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Com-
pany, and have been negotiating with the
city authorities for an extension of time
for the fulfillment of the said agreement,
and for other changes in the said agree-
ment, and whereas the said company has
agreed to deposit the sum of \$100,000,
or \$150,000, as security for the fulfillment
of its contract, and to build its ferry
steamer in Victoria, to be of a capacity
and speed agreed to by the city authorities
and the new company. It being now evi-
dent that the new company have abandoned
all such negotiations for an extension of
time and for other purposes, and intend
to carry on under a broken agreement or
charter the conditions of which it is now
impossible to fulfill, that in the opinion
of the Voters' League, the city authorities
should not accept an old patched up vessel
inferior in every way to the conditions
of a new charter, and a summing up of
the city authorities for extending its
lines of rails from the market building
to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway sta-
tion.

Walsh Windle gave notice of motion
as follows:

At the next meeting of the league I will
introduce for discussion a practical and
economical solution of the problem of
theatricals, by adopting the plan so suc-
cessfully operated in Russia, covering an experience
of 20 years, by the company of the
Palace, ultimately consisting of a theatre,
public library and reading rooms, baths,
for the use of the public, and a series of
theatricals, concerts and vaudeville per-
formances, lectures, etc., under the direc-
tion of a paid professional, the entrance
fee in all cases being 10 cents, with per-
haps a few reserved seats. There should
be no connection between the theatre and
the other buildings, and the theatre should
be a separate building, with accommodation
for outdoor performances, etc. In Russia there are already
some of these in paying operation, and
some instances the original wooden struc-
tures have been replaced by solid stone.

A. J. Morley submitted the following
notice of motion:

I hereby give notice that at a subsequent
meeting of the league I will bring up for
discussion the question of a practical sys-
tem of education in agriculture, mining and
forestry as a means of securing an in-
crease in the development of the country,
and of making proper representation of
the same to the minister of education.

The discussion on Wm. Laird's mo-
tion to the effect that it is advisable to
abolish the ward system was continued.

Mr. Morley wanted the matter of the
city's government dealt with as ex-
pediently as possible.

Ed. Bragg moved:

That the secretary of the league draw up
a petition for signatures for the discontin-
uation of the ward system and present to the
municipal council.

Mr. Pearson thought a strong resolution
from the league would be as effec-
tual as the step proposed by Mr. Bragg.

Mr. Morley said that most of the

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tion and I am now well and strong
again mentally and physically.

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to many stomachs, and I have recom-
mended Postum with great success to a
number of my friends who were suffering
from the use of coffee. Name given by
Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

aldermen were in favor of doing away
with the wards, and a resolution recom-
mending such action would not doubt
be actively acted upon.

Mr. Laird's motion was put and car-
ried.

T. C. Sorby moved, seconded by Mr.
Pearson, that a copy of the motion be
forwarded to the council, and in accordance
with Mr. Bragg's motion.

Mr. Pearson explained the changes in
management of the civic departments
which were before the league for discus-
sion.

Senator Macdonald thought the present
system embodied all the features of
the proposal. The council, however, in-
ferred too much. All improvements
should be estimated at the commence-
ment of the year, and do new work of
any importance should be started in the
middle of the year. This plan would
work admirably.

J. Grant condemned patchwork im-
provements. The proposed revision
would do away with this. The council
should appoint practical men at the head
of each department, and put the work in
their hands instead of attempting to do
it themselves.

Mr. Laird advocated continuity of of-
fices. Alderman representatives should
be elected every three years. He be-
lieved it took a new man six months to
obtain a thorough grasp of civic affairs.

He moved that in the opinion of the
league aldermen should hold office for
three years, and that one-third of the
council should be elected annually.

Mr. Bragg was in favor of this
motion. It had been tried before, and
had not worked satisfactorily.

Mr. Laughlin thought by electing al-
dermen yearly more work was done than
would be possible by electing them every
three years.

Mr. Pearson was in favor of contin-
uity of office for two or three years. In
regard to the revision of the civic de-
partments, his opinions were already
well known. He advocated that the
city's work be carried out under two
heads—"inside" and "outside" work.
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Mr. Grant moved, seconded by Mr.
Sorby, that Messrs. Morley and Pearson
form a committee for drawing up a com-
prehensive scheme for the revision of
the city's work, and that the committee
be empowered to select such persons as
they may deem fit for consideration. This
carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

A DOUBLE BILL WAS GIVEN LAST NIGHT

"Il Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rus-
tica" Presented By Gordon-
Shay Opera Company.

In the double bill of "Il Pagliacci"
and "Cavalleria Rusticana" presented
last night, the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera
Company appeared possibly to better ad-
vantage than in "Carmen," given the
previous night. "Il Pagliacci" has never
been seen here before. It is an opera
full of bright catchy music, representing
a wonderful variety of tone shading, and
like the more intense and dramatic opera
which followed afforded more scope for
individual work than "Carmen." The
two operas contrast prettily, and their
presentation, one following the other,
has a refreshing effect on the listener.

The argument of "Il Pagliacci" is
given as follows:

Act I.—In a village of Calabria, on the
Feast of the Assumption, a troupe of
mountebanks arrive and set up a theatre
and the pious and laughter of the vil-
lagers. Canio, the manager, and his wife
Nedda, to whom Tonio is very attentive,
prepare for the show, which is to begin
at midnight. Canio and Nedda accept an in-
vitation to take a glass of wine, accompa-
nied by Beppe, the harlequin of the troupe.
Tonio, who is jealous of Canio, is dis-
tressed by the thought that he must attend to the
donkey which draws the cart containing
the property of the company. Nedda, left
alone, is joined by Canio, who makes love
to her and receives a slash across the face
from Beppe's knife, which he has hidden
under his coat. He rushes off in a
frenzied state. Then Silvio, a young villager,
enters and tells Nedda that he has been
in love with her since childhood, and that
he has come to her to propose marriage.
Nedda, who is in love with Canio, re-
fuses him, and Silvio, who is in love with
Nedda, is heartbroken.

Act II.—Tonio is beating the big drum
and the people are crowding to the show.
Silvio, among them, Nedda, dressed as
Columbine, is collecting the money in a
plate. Silvio pays for a seat and Nedda
and she renew their association for that
night. Then Nedda and Beppe enter the
theatre. The curtain of the theatre rises,
discussing the manager and his wife.
A little drama is acted between
Taddeo (Tonio), Columbine (Nedda), and
Beppe, in which Columbine is induced to
poison her husband, Pincinuccio (Canio).
The play and the reality are ingeniously
mixed up in the performance, and when
Nedda, as Columbine, refuses to betray her
lover, Silvio draws his dagger, the women
cry, and Canio, who is hidden in the
audience, is seized by some of the audience,
when he drops his knife and cries: "The
comedy is ended; drop the curtain!"

Walter Waehtley took the character
of Canio; Achille Alberti, that of Tonio,
the clown; Merl Manning, of Beppe;
James Stevens, Silvio, the villager, and
Pauline Johnson, Nedda, the wife of
Canio. The last named acquitted her-
self in a praiseworthy manner, both in
singing and acting being of a quality
that won for her on several occasions the
plaudits of her audience. She manifested
a perfect conception of her role, and
sang with much ease and charm. Achille
Alberti had a limited part, but gave evi-
dence of splendid voice.

In the better known "Cavalleria Rus-
tica" James Stevens had a more promi-
nent part. As Alfio he showed that he
possesses a strong baritone voice which,
although limited in register, is rich and
was quite equal to the music. Miss Rose
Cecilia Shay gave a very forcible im-
pression of Santuzza, having both the
voice and appearance necessary to give
a faithful portrayal of the passionate and
romantic character. Pauline Johnson as
Lola, and Eloise Bishop as Lucia also
gave every satisfaction. Joseph Fred-
ericks made a gallant Turiddu, but ap-
peared to be somewhat "off color." Alto-
gether the opera was given a pleasing
presentation, and was wholly enjoyed.
The orchestration was much above the
average.

"Lord Strathmore."
On next Monday night David Traill's
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**COMES IN INTEREST
OF THE NAVY LEAGUE**
Envoys Wyatt, of London, Will Arrive in
Victoria To-Night—Object of
His Visit.

H. F. Wyatt, of London, England,
special envoy of the Navy League, will
arrive in the city to-night. He reached
Vancouver yesterday, and in an inter-
view at the Terminal City said:
"The primary object of my visit is to
form branches of the Navy League as
instruments for the education of Cana-
dians on this subject so important to
the continuance of the Empire. I also
wish to arouse further interest in a
scheme which has been proposed not by
the Navy League in England, but by
myself, but by the league's branches in
Canada. That is that a Canadian naval
militia shall be formed and shall re-
ceive its training in ships of the
British navy. In England men are so
trained on modern cruisers, which re-
main in port during the greater part of
the year, and the proposal is that some
of the vessels shall be brought over to
Canadian waters for a similar purpose.
From the announcement publicly made
by Sir Frederick Borden at the meeting
at which the Ottawa branch of the
league was formed, I am happy to be-
lieve that the Dominion government do
intend to take action along lines analog-
ous to those advocated by the league.
The idea is to strengthen the navy at
its weakest point by maintaining a cap-
able reserve for use in time of war. The
reserve would be similarly organized to
your land militia forces, and would
be ready, should the Empire in any part
be called to face war. Of course, how-
ever, the Canadians would not be called
to serve in foreign wars without the
consent of the Canadian govern-
ment."

Speaking of his reception in Canada
with which he is greatly pleased, and of
the attitude of the Canadian government
to the league and its purposes, Mr.
Wyatt said:
"Perhaps the best commentary on
this is to state the fact that Sir Fre-
derick Borden has been good enough to
mark in the most emphatic manner the
approval of the objects both of the
Navy League in general and my mission
for this body in particular, by formally
enrolling himself as one of its members.
"You may add," he continued, "that
Hon. Sidney Fisher, Sir Sanford Fleming,
Sir James Grant, the president of the
Ottawa Board of Trade, and other
men of mark and weight in the capital
of the Dominion, have followed or had
anticipated his example. I have con-
ferred with Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon.
Mr. Prefontaine, and with several other
members of the Dominion cabinet, and
I may say that I found in each case a
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might be useful in Canada at the present
time."

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ARBITRATION AND STRIKES.

The multitudes who dwell in the cold belts east of the Rock Mountains have passed through a trying experience of the evils which follow in the train of strikes. Ordinarily the dependents of the workmen interested in industrial disputes are the chief sufferers. The cutting off of all the luxuries and sometimes many of the necessities of life appraises them in a practical way of the fact that a state of war exists. The community generally is not affected so directly, but the effect of the closing up even temporarily of important industries cannot be confined within narrow circles. In these days of great combinations and vast enterprises it is not inconceivable that financial and industrial panics, not to speak of national crises, might be precipitated by a conflict between capital and labor. These two potent forces are few in such a state of thorough organization that disputes between them cannot be confined within narrow local circles. On this contingent especially the organization of labor is so complete that the declaration of a "sympathetic" strike might precipitate an industrial war of continental dimensions. The sufferings of the population of the East, and especially the larger part of the population which is unable to accumulate a reserve of resources in expectation of the inevitable "rainy day," because of a lack of coal during the present winter, has aroused the public mind to the point of being ready to take any necessary measures to prevent such a thing occurring again. In one part of the United States the purely sentimental objection to compulsory arbitration has been completely swept away. The people of the state of Pennsylvania have suffered industrially, financially, physically and morally through the prolonged strike of last year. The Governor of the state believes that such another dispute should be prevented by the only authority that has full power to prevent the precipitation of such another state of affairs. In urging upon the Pennsylvania state legislature the necessity for the adoption of a compulsory arbitration act, Governor Stone said:

"In my judgment, a compulsory arbitration law could and should be passed for the settlement of difficulties between employers and employees. Such a law is entirely constitutional and feasible from a police standpoint, looking upon strikes as injurious to the public, harmful to society and destructive to life and property. They are generally settled after all harm has been done. Why should they not be settled before the harm is done, and before large losses occur to life and property?"

"We should recognize strikes as existing evils and as dangerous to the public good, and, while mindful of the rights of both employer and employee, adjust them from a higher standpoint, namely, for the good of society, the preservation of the public peace and of life and property. When a large strike is settled we delude ourselves with the thought that no more will occur. We should contemplate them as likely to again occur with the same results as in the past. Without criticizing employers or employees, without blaming either, we should so legislate as to prevent the recurrence of these disturbances."

Strikes in their modern development are essentially inimical to the well-being of the community, and should be declared unlawful. When they occur, responsibility for their occurrence must rest upon either employer or employee. The method of adjustment pursued in the past is probably the most unsatisfactory one that could be devised. After a conflict of days, weeks or months, involving great loss to the parties directly interested and to the state, some one comes forward and suggests an investigation with a view to a settlement. This obsolete and barbarous procedure should be reversed and the disinterested party called in before there was an opportunity for a lockout or a strike. Surely some way could be devised of submitting grievances or disputes to a competent, impartial and conservative tribunal. It is claimed that the Australian compulsory arbitration act has been a failure and has resulted in the paralysis of industry; also that no power on earth can compel a man to work if he has made up his mind to refrain. But surely Australia has not a monopoly of statesmanlike wisdom. We of this continent might profit by her experiences. We might also when disputes arise decide whether the institution complained against was treating its employees fairly. Workmen who refused to accept the decision could take their departure to more congenial fields. There would be no lack of successors when popular opinion had made its pronouncement.

The Postmaster-General of Canada believes public opinion in Canada is not yet prepared to accept a compulsory arbitration act. The one he proposes to introduce is not likely to be as effective as could be wished, but it is a "step in the right direction." Disputants who are sincerely desirous of a peaceful adjustment of their differences should be ready to take advantage of its provisions. The idea will grow.

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LIFE OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

The appearance of a biography of Queen Victoria from the press of Great Britain has called attention anew to some incidents in the life of one of the really great characters of British history. All the great newspapers review the work of the biographer sympathetically, and give a digest of it which is of considerable political interest, apart from the light it throws on the domestic life, the joys and the bitterness of the sorrows, of the late Queen. We summarize the remarks of the Post: Of the life of the Queen before her marriage there is little to be said, save that it was happy, and that to the end of her days she preserved some of the ingenuousness, simplicity and gaiety of those years. After she became Queen and before her marriage she had some difficulties with her Ministers which were not wholly due to them, but thereafter she trained herself to become the greatest Constitutional Monarch that this country has ever known. It is impossible to read Mr. Lee's admirable biography and not perceive how much was due to the influence of the Prince Consort. During his life he was the object of suspicion and calumny. But he never flinched from the pursuit of that high ideal of duty which he had set before him, and by his example as much as by his love and companionship the Queen was strengthened in her devotion to that ideal of sovereignty the attainment of which made her so beloved of her people and respected by the civilized world. The life of the Queen during the years succeeding her marriage is fully told by Mr. Lee. Her leanings throughout that period were towards the Whigs, yet she Tories had never any just reason to complain. For her impartiality as a Sovereign was one of her greatest claims to the admiration and respect of her people. Foreign politics were from the first her peculiar care and study. As time passed she became more and more the guardian of the secrets of European politics, and her judgment was seldom at fault. She was likewise an Imperialist long before any of her Ministers had grasped the idea of the Empire which she lived to see consolidated by the late war. One of the first things that occupied her attention after her accession to the Throne was the rebellion in Canada and the mission of Lord Durham which ended in its humiliation, but in the establishment of the principle for which he contended, and on which the greatness of the Colonial Empire is founded. The Queen sympathized with him to the full, "and she bitterly lamented his untoward fate." The last act of her life was to encourage her people by her splendid fortitude and self-denial to continue the struggle in South Africa, on which the destiny of the Empire depended.

The great tragedy of her life was the death of the Prince Consort. From that moment all her gaiety disappeared, and an almost excessive seriousness characterized her attitude to the world. Her sole desire was to do her duty without any thought of the consequences to herself. No monarch ever worked harder for her people than Queen Victoria. She never spared herself. Whatever she thought to be right she did with a wholeheartedness that commanded instant admiration. When she knew she could trust a Minister she trusted him implicitly, though she insisted on being fully informed as to every twist and turn of policy. But where her sympathies were not engaged she was an untiring critic. Mr. Gladstone, in his closing years, made her very tired in the later years of her life, but even though he tired her, he did not get it all his own way. Disraeli, on the contrary, she regarded with affectionate admiration.

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tion. He once remarked: "Gladstone treats the Queen as if she were a public department; I treat her like a woman." And she was a true woman as well as a great Queen. Sorely tried she was by public and private sorrows, so that few knew better than she how transitory is happiness and how abiding the gloom that overhangs the race of men. But the thought never brought fear to her dauntless heart. She pursued an ideal that neither death nor time could obscure, and it is no exaggeration to say that she attained it. With all her strength of body and mind she was determined to do what she knew to be her duty, and nothing could make her swerve a hair's breadth from the attainment.

The Queen, as Mr. Lee draws her life, was not literary, neither was she much attracted by the art of the painter; but in music she delighted, and was a highly competent performer and critic. But all these things matter as nothing beside the extraordinary position she achieved by mere force of character—character tried and tested by every vicissitude of fortune and only strengthened by every ordeal.

To an impartial observer it appears as though the United States were determined to force herself into unpleasant relations with Germany. In fact, the relations at the present time are very much strained. And from the tone of the Associated Press dispatches we judge that it is considered desirable to entangle Great Britain in the same mesh. Is it not becoming more evident every day that the Canadian press should be placed in a position of independence of a news agency which may at any time be prostituted to purposes of a political character? The Associated Press appears to be becoming an agency for the promotion of national misunderstandings. Its general purpose hitherto has been to create a division between Great Britain and Canada. It is extending its ramifications. All this may be an incidental result of the connection upon which the association mainly depends for its existence. Nevertheless it is none the less something of which Canadians should take note.

It is not true that the ports on Lynn Canal have been expressly excluded from the scope of the commission which will deal with the Alaska boundary question. The Associated Press, with its natural bias, reported that the terms of the convention were practically the same as those offered by the Americans on the Joint High Commission. That report was the cause of the misunderstanding. There are no limitations whatever to the powers of the commissioners except as to the specific object for which they have been appointed. If it can do no more, each side can present a legal opinion. That should be of some value if further negotiations are necessary.

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Lot 12-38 Pairs Ladies' Japanese Bath Slippers. Value 25c. Sale price.....5c.
Lot 13-20 Ladies' Box Calf Oil Pebble and Glove Grain Heavy Lace Shoes. Values up to \$2.00. Sale price.....\$1.25
Lot 14-33 Pairs Ladies' Satin Slippers, French and American. Values \$4.00. Sale price.....\$1.25
Lot 15-30 Pairs Ladies' Beaded Strap Slippers. Value \$2.00. Sale price.....\$1.50

Misses'

Lot 16-19 Pairs Misses' Box Calf strongly made ankle strap slipper. Value \$1.75. Sale price.....\$1.40
Lot 17-40 Pairs Misses' Box Calf, Vici Kid, Dongola, Oil Pebble, Lace and Button. Values \$1.75. Sale price.....\$1.40
Lot 18-11 Pairs Misses' Oil Pebble, Lace Shoes, Patent Tip, Heavy Soles. Value \$1.25. Sale price.....\$1.00
Lot 19-100 Mixed Lot Children's Button and Lace, sizes 1-7. Values to 75c. Sale price.....45c.
Lot 20-170 Pairs Mixed Lace Children's Button and Lace Slippers. Sizes 3 to 10. Values to \$1.00. Sale price.....75c.
Lot 21-36 Pairs Children's French Kid, Lace and Button. All "C" last. Laird & Schober's. Values to \$2.25. Sale price.....\$1.00
Lot 22-38 Pairs Children's Dongola Heavy sole, lace and button; values to \$1.75. Sale Price.....\$1.15

Boys' and Youths'

Lot 23-21 Pairs Boys' Box Calf and Dongola and Hand-made Oil Grain Lace Shoes; values \$2.00. Sale price.....\$1.50
Lot 24-15 Pairs Boys' Buff and Oil Grain Lace Shoes; value \$1.65. Sale price.....\$1.40
Lot 25-28 Pairs Youths' Box Calf and Dongola Lace Shoes; value \$1.65. Sale price.....\$1.40
Lot 26-34 Pairs Youths' Buff and Grain Hand-made; values, \$1.40. Sale price.....\$1.15
Youths' Rubber Boots; values \$1.75 for.....\$1.25
Youths' Pure Gum (warranted); values \$2.55. Sale.....\$1.75

You will see by these lots that we have concentrated many lines. In fact this list represents over 100 different styles and grades of footwear, that we must and will dispose of at this sale.

N. B.—We would kindly ask customers to refrain from changing shoes during this sale after 12 o'clock noon, if they wish our careful attention.

DRESS GOODS

Another lot to be added to this week's selling:
203 yards of Plaid Check Dress Goods, suitable for children's wear. Colors, 2 shades of light blue, with white; 2 shades of navy with white, and browns with white. The price Thursday is 25c yard. Width 40 inches.

MILLINERY

We will clear out all our Millinery this week.
That means the prices will have to do the talking.
If you need outing hats, ready to wear hats, trimmed hats, etc., the prices will not prevent, as we are going to clean the lot out this week.

Sale of Ladies' Black Capes

THURSDAY

\$5.00 ones for \$2.90; \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50 ones for \$4.90. This lot will sell quickly.

This week visit the Dress Goods Department, Lining Department, Blanket and Towel Departments, and Silk Department.

Resourceful Mothers

Should keep a bottle of our
Baby's Cough Syrup, 25c.



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City News in Brief.

John Labatt's Ale is sparkling purity.

A meeting of the school board will be held to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

On and after the 1st February the Imperial Hotel will be conducted under new management.

At this evening's meeting of Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F., the first degree will be conferred on two members.

The monthly meeting of the Home Nursing Society will be held at the city hall at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The following are the returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 3rd inst., viz., clearings, \$419,456.

The Central W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow afternoon in the Refuge Home at 3 o'clock. A Bible reading will be given by Mrs. Spain.

Matti Kurikka, president of the Finnish colony at Malcolm Island, and J. W. Bell, who also came down to Vancouver after the fire at Sonitula, are receiving large donations of money and clothing in this city to relieve the suffering caused by the disastrous fire of Thursday last.

A Big Start for the New Year.—The receipts of The B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company from shareholders, borrowers and the sale of debentures for the month of January amounted to \$54,222.67. This is a remarkable increase over the income for the same month last year. The company is now increasing the agency staff by the employment of several new men, and the management feel assured that the increase of assets during this year will greatly exceed even the big increase of over a quarter of a million dollars made last year.

Rev. Walter Calley addressed quite a large gathering in Calvary Baptist church last evening. The Baptist Young People of the city were out in force to welcome him, and the church was very prettily decorated for the occasion. Mr. Calley gave a history of the steps leading up to the formation of the Baptist Young People's Union, and then delivered an inspiring address on its fundamental aim, that of service. During the evening an anthem was given by a choir of Young People and a solo by G. F. Watson. Mr. Calley left on the Charmer for Vancouver, where he is to speak to-night.

PERSONAL.

Through one of those changes characteristic of military and naval life, Esquimaux lost another of its estimable citizens on Saturday in the person of R. F. Rankin, who for the past five years was officer in charge of the naval ordnance. Mr. Rankin was senior warden of No. 24 United Service lodge of Free Masons, and during his residence here many friends, evidence of which fact was manifested by the many gifts he received prior to leaving on Saturday for England. These included a smoker's outfit and dressing case.

Chris. Becker left on Monday evening for South Africa. He will take in the Old Country, France, Germany and other European countries en route.

Thos. Denny, ex-chief of the fire department, after a year's absence in the United States, has returned to this city. Dean Spencer has returned after an absence of about a month in the East. Mrs. M. A. Wythe and daughter have returned from Seattle.

ALSO WANTS TO KNOW.

To the Editor.—Seeing a note in your Monday's issue from a correspondent inquiring for a statement of accounts of the charity concert given by Mrs. H. Dallas Helmstedt in the Victoria theatre, I, as a subscriber, would like to add my name to the list of inquirers.

When an appeal is made for any charitable purpose there ought to be full acknowledgment of the support given. In this case the theatre was crowded, and the only sum which has been publicly accounted for is \$109 by the Orphan's Home. If the public gives its money for charity in an open way then it has a right to know exactly how and where that money has been distributed. I think your correspondent is perfectly right in bringing this matter forward, and hope that a full statement will be given in your columns.

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GOING SOUTH TO RECLAIM PAPERS

CAPTAIN OF LOST SHIP ON THE DUNRAVEN

Empress of China Brings a Small Number of Passengers—The Tacoma's Repairs.

There is one officer of the British ship Earl of Dunraven, which arrived here from Acapulco on Monday, who will be leaving that vessel at Vancouver and proceeding overland to San Francisco. He is Captain Catheriness, who, at the time of the disaster of the steamship Rio de Janeiro, when she sank off San Francisco a couple of years ago, was an officer on board that vessel. For his conduct in that catastrophe the captain had his certificate cancelled by the shipping authorities of San Francisco for a couple of years. The time having now expired the captain is going back to San Francisco in the expectation of again getting his papers. He is a man of about forty-five or fifty years of age, and during the last few years he has been running a large ship chandler business in Acapulco. In early life he saw much service at sea and at one time it is stated, was quartermaster on the same ship as Captain Wise, the outer wharf superintendent, served.

Since the Dunraven's visit there have been no arrivals in the Roads, although two are expected to-night or to-morrow. These are the German ships Schwarzenbuck and Schurbeek, which were reported off Neah Bay this morning, and which were spoken off the Cape by the Earl of Dunraven several days ago. Both are from Valparaiso, and will load lumber at British Columbia mills, the Schurbeek at Chemainus and the Schwarzenbuck at Vancouver.

EMPEROR OF CHINA.

The present is a period of little travel between points in the Orient and Occident. Consequently the big liners of the C. P. R. fleet are carrying comparatively few Europeans. The Empress of China, which came in after the Times went to press last evening, had on board 13 in her saloon and 9 in her intermediate quarters. In the steerage she had 235 all told, of whom 184 were Chinese. The saloon list was made up as follows: Henry Bennett, H. H. Bush, Mrs. H. H. Bush, Hugh Caloway, Paul Crompton, Walter L. Fisher, Rev. W. G. Fritz, O. W. Graham, Mrs. Hanigan, S. Kondo, Major G. Pender, E. Thomas and S. Ubikata.

The cargo comprised 20,394 packages, made up as follows: Raw silk, 1,074; wild silk, 15; silk goods, 106; cigars, 24; tea, 2,455; rice, 17,578, and 7,904 general.

The steamer encountered a stiff gale off this coast, but otherwise her trip was without incident. Capt. Robinson, her chief officer, will take command of the Athenian when the ship reaches Vancouver, having, as previously announced, been appointed to head Capt. Mowat, who was recalled to England.

BARODA TOWING NORTH.

San Francisco papers in chronicling the departure of the Baroda from there on Saturday last say the hawser with which the Telus is towing the barque is a seventeen-inch Manila rope 150 fathoms in length. It was made specially for the purpose. The order for the hawser was given to a San Francisco concern a week ago Saturday, and last Monday, two days later, the completed rope was delivered on board the collier. This is said to be the fastest bit of work of this kind ever done in San Francisco.

OVERHAULING THE TACOMA.

"The work of giving the steamship Tacoma a complete overhauling at her berth at the Northern Pacific dock is being pushed as rapidly as possible," says the Tacoma Ledger. "A force of about 150 mechanics and workmen are engaged in the work. All machinery and apparatus and hull framework as well as being carefully examined and all parts showing damage are being renewed. It is expected that another month will be required to complete the extensive repairs."

VESSELS LOADING RAILS.

A sound paper says: "Already six large vessels have been chartered to load steel rails at Antwerp. In addition to



The Great Pork Question

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OUR PLAN.

Quite a few people who are desirous of taking a business course are unable to do so not because they cannot raise the money for the course, but because they cannot afford to pay their living expenses in another town away from home. We have devised a plan along these lines. The most difficult thing to teach is shorthand and typewriting. We place most of our students through shorthand, as competent stenographers are scarce. Now, our plan is to teach you Gregg Shorthand by correspondence. We have now progressive exercises, by the use of which we will be able to watch you from lesson to lesson. The course of Shorthand will cost you \$30.00, books, etc., \$4.70; making the total cost \$34.70. As soon as you know the Shorthand you come to Vancouver to our College and take up Typewriting and Bookkeeping, paying us only for the difference in the cost of the course. This will reduce your living expenses to a minimum, and we will be able to place you in an office at a comparatively small cost to you.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

Sacrifice Sale of Men's Suits

Sacrifice sales are not chronic with us, but when we do advertise one there is always a good reason for it.

Those who have patronized our former sales know this to their profit. We wish others to participate.

We are selling off all odd lines in suits left over from last season. If you want a good business suit at small cost, now is your opportunity. Even if you don't need one just now it will pay you to buy.

The prices are reduced from 33 1/2 to 50 per cent.

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Violet, Rose, Lily, 25c. per box (3 cakes).
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These other vessels have been chartered to bring cement and other construction material such as is used in extending the line of a railroad.

"That the railroad officials are in immediate need of the rails is evident from the fact that there are now for San Francisco from Antwerp six tramp steamers laden with railroad iron. The vessels bringing the material for extending the lines of the Southern Pacific northward are the British steamers Como, Maristow Wymore, the Italian steamer Dora Battaie, the Norwegian tramp Norman Isle, and the Danish steamer Palasternen."

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Hyades went to sea from the Sound yesterday, deeply laden, for Oriental ports. Her cargo included 128,314 sacks of flour, 2,016 bales of cotton, 11,067 sacks of nitrate soda, 400 cases of tin foil and considerable machinery and general merchandise.

The steamer Victorian will be hauled on the Esquimaux marine railway to-day, where her hull will be strengthened preparatory to service on the Sidney-Port Guichen route.

A force of men are now engaged in an attempt to float the sealing schooner Sadie Turpel near the entrance to the Esquimaux harbor.

C. P. R. bulletin reports that the steamer Lake Ontario arrived at St. John's at 9 a. m. yesterday morning.

H. M. S. Egria entered the drydock yesterday morning to undergo repairs to her hull.

If you want a beautiful everlasting porcelain wreath, call and see them at Stewart's Granite and Marble Works, Yates street.

Hardy Bay lots in the townsite, now selling at \$50, will be advanced to \$75 on the 15th instant. A. Williams & Co., Ltd., 104 Yates street.

In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixie H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Remains of Miss Mallette Laid to Rest Yesterday.—Death of Mrs. E. Raitt.

The remains of the late Florence Nellie Mallette were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, No. 5 Queen's avenue, at 2:15 o'clock, and later at the Metropolitan Methodist church, where impressive services were conducted.

There was a large attendance at the residence, and the casket was covered with flowers and floral emblems and designs. After holding brief services by Rev. Dr. Rowe, the casket was borne away to the church, where a large number of those who had been friends and acquaintances of Miss Mallette gathered to pay their last respects to the dead. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Elliot S. Rowe. The choir of the church was in attendance, and a number of appropriate musical selections were given. Miss Laura Lowen sang "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," one of deceased's favorite hymns. Jesse Longfield presided at the organ, and was replaced by his father while he accompanied Miss Lowen on the violin.

The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. T. A. Spencer, W. Bland, Boorman, R. Keeler, M. W. Thomas and F. S. Harris.

The funeral of the late Miss Helen M. Sparrow took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence of her son, No. 8 Park road. Rev. Dr. Elliott S. Rowe conducted services at the residence and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. N. Shakespeare, M. Baker, L. Goodacre, W. J. Pender, D. Spencer, sr., and W. H. Bone.

The remains of the late William John Mills were interred yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the Jubilee hospital, and services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Barber at the hospital and graveside.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. E. Raitt at the residence 84 North Park street. Deceased was a native of Russell county, Ontario, and was 90 years old. She was a sister of the late S. Raitt, and leaves a sister and two nieces to mourn her loss. She was a sister-in-law to R. Baker, the well known merchant of Yates street. The funeral is arranged to take place on Friday from the family residence.

SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

Spring House-cleaning

It's a little early, but we are going to commence now. We have over

200 Cases of New Spring and Summer Shoes

here and in transit, and must make room for them. For the next

TEN DAYS,

COMMENCING

To-morrow, Feb. 5th,

We will sell all winter weight and seasonable lines at sale prices, and all Felt and Warm Lined Slippers at prices that are bound to clear out the balance of our winter stock, as we never carry over this class of goods.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW

of the lines reduced. There are many others.

70 pairs Men's Box Calf, laced boots, double sole, welt, Keith's make, sizes 6 to 10 1/2; regular price \$5; Sale Price **\$3.75**

60 pairs Men's Box Calf, laced boots, welt, sizes 6 to 10; regular price \$4; Sale Price **\$2.75**

120 pairs Ladies' Box Calf, laced boots, our own brand; a splendid boot; D and E widths; sizes 2 1/2 to 7; regular price \$2.75; Sale Price **\$2.00**

90 pairs Ladies' Dongola laced boots, single and double soles; all sizes; were \$2.25 and \$3.00. Sale Price **\$1.50**

Boys' "Standard" brand school boots; sizes 1 to 5 **\$1.50**

Youths' "Standard" brand school boots; sizes 11 to 13 **\$1.30**

Girls' Box Calf school boots; sizes 11 to 2 **\$1.50**

Girls' Box Calf school boots; sizes 8 to 10 1/2 **\$1.25**

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Slippers; lots of them to choose from.

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FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

Following are the foreign coal shipments for January:

Western Fuel Co.

Date, Vessel, Destination, Tons.

6-8-S. New England, Alaska 78

9-8-S. Titania, San Diego 5,054

10-S. Keweenaw, Honolulu 2,002

11-8-S. Columbia, Port Townsend 5

12-8-S. Kingfisher, Alaska 81

13-8-S. Dirigo, Alaska 405

14-8-S. Cottage City, Alaska 109

15-8-S. Wyndell, San Francisco 5,053

16-8-S. New England, Alaska 39

17-8-S. Kingfisher, Alaska 89

18-S. Ship Port George, Honolulu 2,901

19-8-S. Wyndell, San Francisco 6,127

Total 21,562

Wellington Coal Co.

Date, Vessel, Destination, Tons.

2-8-S. Amur 108

3-8-S. Al-Ki 413

4-8-S. Leclaire 2,769

5-8-S. City of Seattle 247

6-8-S. Neptune 115

7-8-S. Wanderer 59

8-8-S. Venus 2,000

15-8-S. Big Bonanza 2,035

16-8-S. Amur 677

17-8-S. Telus 3,621

18-8-S. Leclaire 2,827

19-8-S. Al-Ki 404

20-8-S. Eckirik 121

21-8-S. Richard III. 1,050

22-8-S. Oscar 127

23-8-S. Santa Ana 489

24-8-S. Montana 2,748

25-8-S. San Mateo 4,500

Total 25,390

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CHAPTER V.—Continued.

The doctor laughed heartily—an honest laugh that did as much good in a sick-room as any physic he might prescribe. "You needn't fear on that score," he said, putting his hand upon the other's shoulder. "You shall go with me to no more fight."

"Then what is it?" "You remember young Samuel Brett, son of Tom Brett, of Langdale? The lad who was so badly mangled by pouncers a year back?"

"Yes, perfectly," Jack replied. "What about him?" "Well, he's been very ill these two months past. In fact, he's only just out of hospital. They are full at Langdale, or they would have taken him on again. As it is he can get nothing to do, so I want to know if you can find him a billet? It would be a great charity if you would, for I can assure you that the young fellow is in dire straits. You know enough of him to be sure of his honesty, and I understand that he would make a first-rate under-keeper. What do you think you can do?"

"I'm not certain that I can do anything," said Jack. "I will think it over, however. As you are aware, now that I have given up the Castle, I have no need of keepers, otherwise, I would take him on myself—for a time at least."

"I suppose the new tenant at the Castle is not in want of a man?" "I'm not sure, but I might try. I have no idea what arrangements he has made."

"Well, if you can do anything I shall be deeply grateful to you," said the doctor. "And so, I am sure, will Brett."

Jack promised to bear the matter in mind, and then went out to his car. As he drove slowly down the street, he recalled the fact that the last time he had seen the young man in question had been when he had last shot at Langdale park, and then poor Jim Ormby had been one of the party. While he was thinking of this the memory of a certain beautiful face rose before his mind's eye.

"By Jove!" he muttered to himself. "There's my excuse ready made."

Without more ado he whipped up his horse and left the town at a smart pace. Having crossed the old bridge he turned to the left and followed the road along until he reached the Castle gates. They were closed, but the old lodge-keeper, who had known him since he was a baby, opened them to him with a smile of welcome upon his wrinkled face.

"Is Mr. d'Alvaro at home, Mrs. Penney?" Jack asked, when he had inquired after her health and that of her husband.

"Yes, sir, I am almost sure he is," the woman replied. "Leastways, he hasn't passed through these gates this afternoon."

"Well, I shall very soon be able to find out," the young man replied, and continued his way up the drive.

There are few finer residences in this dear old land of ours than Streffon Castle. Indeed, I have heard it compared favorably with several larger and better known places. The Castle itself is more than a mile from the lodge gates, the drive to it for the most part running through plantations where rabbits scurry about on business of so much importance that they have scarcely time to stop and look at you, and gorgeous cock pheasants strut to and fro as if there were no such thing as a shooting season. After the plantations you skirt a miniature lake, where Jack was once well-nigh drowned as a boy, and then after passing under an arch you find yourself in a large courtyard where is the front door.

As Jack entered it he found it difficult to realize that he was entering the home of his forefathers in the capacity of a stranger. The old place was filled with associations for him. He could recall the night, so many years ago, when the snow was on the ground, and the walls had come to sing in the courtyard, he could recall the evening, swaddled up to the window to hear them. He could remember the day of his father's funeral, and the mournful procession which had wound its way down the drive; also the day on which he and his sister had said farewell to the old place for the last time, and he was possible for them to live there again.

When his groom had ascertained that Mr. d'Alvaro was at home he left the dog-cart and entered the house. The portraits of his ancestors looked down on him as if in greeting, as he followed the butler along the hall to the room which had been his father's study in bygone days. Nothing had been changed in it, but it came to Jack as a shock to find a stranger seated in his father's chair, the same in which he had so often curled himself up with a book when he was a boy.

"This is exceedingly kind of you Mr. Trowbridge," d'Alvaro began, as he advanced to shake hands. "I was wondering whether anyone would take pity upon my loneliness."

"I have come to see you," said Jack. "on behalf of someone else. A friend of mine is very much interested in a young man who was under-keeper near here. He has been very ill and has just left the hospital. The place he occupied before his illness has been filled up and my friend and I are trying to obtain another situation for him. I do not know what arrangements you have made, but I deemed it possible that you might be able to find an opening for him. He's an honest, hard-working fellow, and if you were to take him on I do not think you would regret it. I would do so myself but that I have no work for such a man."

"I will speak to my head-keeper about it," said d'Alvaro. "I am afraid, however, that I shall not be able to oblige

TIMES DAILY FASHION HINTS.



The newest material for shirt-waists is known as "vesting." It is the fad to wear these cotton waists all winter with long sleeves, vests beneath, and it must be admitted that they are more generally becoming and stylish than flannel waists when worn with the heavy walking-suits, so much in vogue just now.

you, I fancy he has as many men as he wants. From what he tells me I gather that the neighborhood is a very quiet one, and that what little poaching there is done is not of a very serious character. At the same time, it is always as well to know of a good man, and should there be room for him I should be glad to avail myself of his services."

For some reason or another Jack felt that his companion was not best pleased to see him. For a man usually so self-possessed, he was nervous and ill at ease. More than once he glanced nervously at the door, as if he were fearing someone might enter. Moreover, his conversation was disjointed and fragmentary, showing plainly that his thoughts were not fixed upon the matter in hand.

At last Jack rose to go, not a little chagrined by the fact that the little had not offered to introduce him to his ward. Though d'Alvaro pressed him to remain a little longer, he could see that it was only for politeness' sake, and that his host was in reality extremely anxious to be rid of him.

"If you can find an opening for young Brett," said Jack, as they passed down the hall, once more, "I shall probably hear from you?"

"You may count upon hearing from me in any case, and you may be quite sure that I will do the best I can for the man."

The elderly foreign butler opened the door and d'Alvaro stood upon the steps until Jack had mounted his seat in the dog-cart. Then, with a wave of the hand, they bade each other farewell, and the younger man drove out of the courtyard.

"Look here, Dintoh," said Jack, when they were a short distance down the drive, "I think I'll walk home. I haven't had much exercise to-day, and it will do me good."

"Very good, sir," said the man, as his master descended.

As Jack was well aware, by taking the first turning to the left and following the path that ran at the foot of the rose garden, he could reach what was known as the Long Walk, and then go on through the plantation to the gate concerning which M. d'Alvaro had called upon him on the previous day. Then he could follow the "a" was "grey" mistle meadows and so reach the Croft in some thirty under half-an-hour. It was a charming walk on a summer's evening, but he was by no means in the humor to enjoy it.

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you, I fancy he has as many men as he wants. From what he tells me I gather that the neighborhood is a very quiet one, and that what little poaching there is done is not of a very serious character. At the same time, it is always as well to know of a good man, and should there be room for him I should be glad to avail myself of his services."

For some reason or another Jack felt that his companion was not best pleased to see him. For a man usually so self-possessed, he was nervous and ill at ease. More than once he glanced nervously at the door, as if he were fearing someone might enter. Moreover, his conversation was disjointed and fragmentary, showing plainly that his thoughts were not fixed upon the matter in hand.

At last Jack rose to go, not a little chagrined by the fact that the little had not offered to introduce him to his ward. Though d'Alvaro pressed him to remain a little longer, he could see that it was only for politeness' sake, and that his host was in reality extremely anxious to be rid of him.

"If you can find an opening for young Brett," said Jack, as they passed down the hall, once more, "I shall probably hear from you?"

"You may count upon hearing from me in any case, and you may be quite sure that I will do the best I can for the man."

The elderly foreign butler opened the door and d'Alvaro stood upon the steps until Jack had mounted his seat in the dog-cart. Then, with a wave of the hand, they bade each other farewell, and the younger man drove out of the courtyard.

"Look here, Dintoh," said Jack, when they were a short distance down the drive, "I think I'll walk home. I haven't had much exercise to-day, and it will do me good."

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

At Annual Meeting of S. P. C. A.—A. J. Dallain Again President.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at New Westminster on Tuesday, with representatives present from the four coast cities.

General Secretary South's report was full and interesting. It noted the progress made during the past year and pointed out several cases where particularly inhuman treatment of dumb beasts had been punished; a growing sentiment in favor of the society was evidenced by the way branches were being opened all over the province, and by the way the aid of the society is being invoked.

The treasurer's statement showed receipts, \$1,027.70; expenditures, \$764.30; number of cases dealt with to date 1,410. The total being 497. Nanaimo headed the list with 237; Victoria next, 139; Vancouver, 64. The remainder was spread over 12 other places.

Short addresses were delivered by Messrs. Dallain and Shakespeare of Victoria.

The new officers are: President, A. J. Dallain (re-elected); vice-presidents, Price Ellison, of Vernon, and Mayor Neelands, of Vancouver. Treasurer, ex-Ald. Foreman, and Secretary, C. J. South, both of Vancouver, were re-elected.

The secretary stated that the government had appointed him superintendent under the Children's Protection Act.

The next annual meeting will be held in Nanaimo. A local branch was re-organized on Monday.

WOMAN DROWNED.

Sloop Dashed to Pieces at Fulford Harbor in Last Week's Storm.

During the storm of Thursday of last week Mrs. Ryneburger, the wife of a fisherman near Fulford Harbor, lost her life. With her husband and daughter, of twelve, she was on board a sloop off Portland Island. The little vessel was anchored, but when the storm arose dashed anchor and was driven on Russell Island.

Before the boat went to pieces Ryneburger managed to work his way up the rocky beach to a place of safety. From that point he attempted to save the lives of the other occupants of the sloop. A rope was thrown as the vessel drifted in, and the daughter secured it and was helped to safety. A singular attempt was made to save his wife. She fastened the rope about herself, but was knocked insensible upon the rocks before she was able to get secure footing.

Going to the other side of the island he attracted the attention of some of the opposite shore after a considerable time. They went to his assistance, and after a search of the vicinity found the woman's body. The sloop had been dashed to pieces. An inquest was held on Friday at Fulford Harbor.

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And further take notice that after such date the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that she will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of January, 1903.

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NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Board at this time sitting for a transfer to Thomas Hindmarsh, of Victoria; of the license held by me to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Pioneer" Saloon, situate on the northwest corner of Constance and Store streets, in the City of Victoria.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1903.
ANDREW RUSTIA.

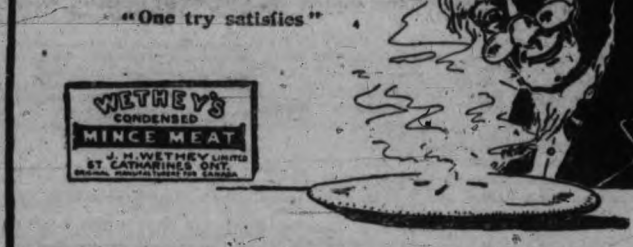
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